

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1004**HOUSE BILL NO. 3926****By Representatives Sontany, Moore****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3775****By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 4, relative to an additional tourist accommodation tax upon the occupancy of each hotel room located within the territory of certain metropolitan governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-202(a), is amended by deleting the language "an additional two dollar (\$2.00) privilege tax" and substituting instead the language "an additional privilege tax of up to two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-202, is amended by adding the following new subsection thereto:

(d)

(1) Upon the adoption of an ordinance by the metropolitan council in a county having a metropolitan government, all revenues received by the metropolitan government from the privilege tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) and which exceed two dollars (\$2.00) shall be deposited into a metropolitan government fund entitled "The Event and Marketing Fund." For administrative purposes, The Event and Marketing Fund and the committee which approves expenditures shall be attached to a convention and visitors bureau in a county having a metropolitan government or a similar entity approved by the metropolitan council and the metropolitan government mayor. The fund will be governed by a five-person committee and a chairperson who votes only to break a tie. The committee and the chairperson shall be appointed by the mayor of the metropolitan government. Members of the committee shall include at least one (1) person nominated by a hotel and lodging association located in the county having a metropolitan government, one (1) person from the hospitality industry, one (1) representative from a hotel corporation which operates a single hotel in a county with a metropolitan government with an excess of two thousand nine hundred (2,900) rooms, two (2) members of the public, and a chairman to be selected by the mayor. Expenditures from The Event and

Marketing Fund may be used for any purpose allowable under § 7-4-110(a)(1), as the same may be amended from time to time. All expenditures are subject to the approval of the finance director of the metropolitan government. An audited financial statement shall be supplied annually to the finance director and the council of the metropolitan government.

(2) The authority to charge the amount of the privilege tax imposed on hotel room occupancy by subsection (a) above in excess of two dollars (\$2.00) and the terms of the committee members shall expire six (6) years from the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This act shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 7, 2008


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APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008


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